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**Can Issa meet Obama's standard?**

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As part of a broad effort to promote economic growth, I support a comprehensive review of federal regul

This review should include several basic elements — examining both costs and benefits; developing cor

President Barack Obama took a good first step when he issued an executive order on Jan. 18 requiring

Unfortunately, the approach taken to date by Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) falls short of this standard.

First, we need to expand the scope of the inquiry.

To date, the committee has requested information only about the costs of regulation and not the benefits

The committee also sought input primarily from industry groups seeking to repeal regulations. No letters

Second, we need to base our conclusions on facts instead of rhetoric.

There have been many statements recently attributing job losses to over-regulation. But the country face

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testified before our committee that his theory of allo

Rather than waiting for responses to his letters, however, Issa joined other Republicans on Jan. 5 to intr

Third, we need to separate genuine reform proposals from self-serving advocacy.

Many corporations that submitted responses have had skyrocketing profits over the past few years. From

Yet many answers included proposals that have little to do with creating jobs. Companies proposed elim

In addition to taking these three common-sense steps, our committee should focus on broader proposals

For example, on Jan. 26, the presidents of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Thomas Donohue, and the

“Whether it is building roads, bridges, high-speed broadband, energy systems and schools,” Donohue a

These are the kinds of bipartisan efforts our committee — and Congress —should support. Working tog

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